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NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham, announced today the filing of a 1-count Indictment¹ charging defendant Brian Brown, a/k/a “Ryan Blassingame,” with possession with intent to distribute cocaine arising from his December 1, 2008 possession of more than 200 grams of cocaine.

This investigation and prosecution was part of *Project Safe Neighborhoods*, a joint initiative by the United States Attorney’s Office, each of the nine District Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and prosecute dangerous firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction.

If convicted, Brown faces a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment, a mandatory minimum of 3 years supervised release up to lifetime supervised release, a \$1,000,000 fine and a \$100 special assessment..

This case has been investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Philadelphia Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Arlene D. Fisk.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Brian Brown, a/k/a “Ryan Blassingame”	Philadelphia, PA and Alexandria, VA	29

¹An Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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